



### Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District

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The Port of Hueneme, located in Ventura County, is the only deep water harbor between the ports of Los Angeles and San Francisco and is the U.S. Port of Entry for California's central coast region. Established in 1937, the Oxnard Harbor District owns and manages the Port.

The Port provides an ocean link for the agricultural community to the global market. The Port specializes in handling automobiles, produce, and bulk cargo. It also provides important support services for the offshore oil industry. A recent economic report indicated that the Port generates over \$723.8 million in economic activity, received about \$13.7 million in revenues for fiscal year 2013 – up 12 percent from fiscal year 2012, with auto and fresh produce contributing the most to the port's revenue. The Port supports 9,448 jobs both directly and indirectly.

Unique to the Port is Hueneme Canyon, a 1,000+ foot-deep submarine canyon, located within 300 feet of the Port's channel. This submarine canyon helps keep the channel free from silt and provides good navigation with minimal wave and swell action. The Port's harbor is not affected by tidal streams or current. In 1999, the Port of Hueneme was able to expand by purchasing surplus Navy property, the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory.

**PORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

Main Channel Depth	35 feet
Channel Length	2,300 feet
Berths	6 deep draft (4,250 Linear Feet); 1 shallow draft (320 Linear Feet)
Acreage	165+ ( maritime); 210+ (industrial) acres
Rail Access	Near dock rail

**PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS****Imports**

Autos  
Produce  
Liquid Fertilizer  
Bulk Liquid

**Exports**

Autos  
Produce  
General Cargo

**Major Trading Partners**

Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Germany,  
Sweden, Japan, Korea

## Freight Planning Fact Sheet

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### PORT TRADE CHARACTERISTICS (cont'd.)

- As one of California's busiest seaports for general cargo, the Port handles over \$7 billion in cargo value each year.
- Since 2001, the District's ocean freight operating revenues have been driven by automobiles and fresh produce cargo.
- Oil deposits in the Santa Barbara Channel makes the Port an important base for the oil industry.
- Exports of American-made automobiles jumped 220% from 2008 to 2011.
- Coastal trade includes fish, offshore oil, general cargo, and vessel fuel.
- The Port charges auto importers per vehicle and not per ton. Port wharfage fees account for each auto as a revenue ton. All other cargo is strictly measured by the metric ton.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK & INTERMODAL CONNECTIONS

#### Highway Access Routes

Major routes serving the Port include US-101, SR-1, SR-118, SR-126, SR-405, and SR-232.

- Primary access route to Port is US 101
- Secondary access routes: SR 126 and SR 1 (Pacific Coast Highway/Oxnard Boulevard)
- SR 232 is also known as Vineyard Avenue

#### Trucking

- Corridors with greatest use to and from the Port are Hueneme Road and Rice Avenue
- Rice Avenue, a four-lane roadway designated as a preferred access route to Port, has problems with bottlenecks
- Hueneme Road is a preferred access route for trucks, as specified in the City of Oxnard's General Plan. The City is planning to widen the road from two to four lanes.
- Ventura Road, a primary access road to the Port, is a four-lane arterial just east of the Port's main gate
- Port generates about 25% of area truck trips
- Measures to reduce truck impacts include: improved signage with preferred truck routes and require residential developers to provide acoustical design such as pavement surfaces,

sound barriers, setbacks, and sound-dampening materials

#### Freight Rail

*Ventura County Railway, LLC* Class III, short-line railroad. This 10.3-mile loop of track is owned by the District. Rail America operates the railroad, and the Port is the general manager. Freight is transferred from the Port and connects to the Union Pacific Railroad in downtown Oxnard, providing an important link throughout North America.

### ENVIRONMENT

- The Port installed a substation that will allow ships at berth to turn off the vessels engines reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to use alternative marine power.

### MAJOR PORT ISSUES

- The Port and city of Port Hueneme are at odds over revenue-sharing and the city feels the Port is paying too little for the impacts of trucks and, business operations that causes street degradation, increased use of public services and negative environmental impacts
- Insufficient backland for container terminal development
- Infrastructure requirements and upgrades
- Need of gantry crane
- Environmental and community concerns
- Channel dredging and maintenance
- Freight congestion

### Caltrans Focus Areas

- Freight congestion on US 101
- Community environmental impacts
- Planning for sea level rise to ensure freight accessibility
- Monitor pavement conditions due to heavy truck impacts

### PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND STUDIES

- Cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard Truck Traffic Study, June 5, 2008
- City of Oxnard, General Plan 2011
- Port of Hueneme Access Study Update

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- Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report,
  - Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Draft, December 2011
  - Strategic Action Plan for Business Development (In progress)
  - Ventura County Congestion Management Plan, 2009 Update
  - City of Oxnard
  - City of Port Hueneme
  - Naval Base Ventura County
  - Port Hueneme Redevelopment Agency
  - South Coast Air Quality Management District
  - Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Customs & Border Patrol
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Ventura County Transportation Commission
  - Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
- ### Transportation Planning Partners
- California Air Resources Board
  - City and County of Ventura

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